

# RELATIONSHIPS

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May 19, 2019 | Romans 12

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### The "THERE" in our relationship journey:

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### The greatest relationship killer is pride.—Rom. 12:3, 16

Pride is a preoccupation with self, self-centeredness.

It is excessive belief in one's own abilities; vanity.

It is the cancer of the mind that damages all relationships.

### Pride affects everyone.

- It is hard to spot in ourselves. It affects our eyesight.
- Identifying it requires being sober/right-minded.

### Pride has an ugly end.

- It pits God against us.—1 Peter 5:5
- It causes a hard fall.—Proverbs 16:18

### The Holy Spirit can help us die to pride.

We must:

1. Acknowledge it.
2. Repent of it.
3. Deal quickly with any recurrences of it.

#### Checklist for behaviors that may be rooted in pride:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entitlement                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Desire for special privileges | <input type="checkbox"/> Control tendencies |                                     |
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